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Attorney Docket Number	510P004
First Named Inventor	Van Barlow
COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
Application Number	10 / 017,746
Filing Date	December 7, 2001
Group Art Unit	
Examiner Name	

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

COATED STAPLE AND FASTENING TOOL FOR THE SAME

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) **December 7, 2001** as United States Application Number or PCT International

(if applicable).

Application Number

10/017,746

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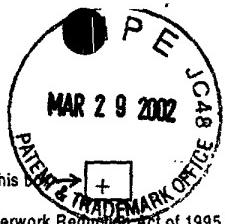
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ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S) Supplemental Sheet

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